

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the
Southern District of Texas
McAllen Division

United States of America
v.
Eliots Christopher CARCOBA-Alvara
(YOB 1973, Mexico Citizen)

Case No. 7:18mj 2146

Defendant

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, the complainant in this case, state that the following is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

On or about the date of October 20, 2018 in the county of Hidalgo in the Southern District of Texas, the defendant violated 18 U. S. C. § 554(a) an offense described as follows:

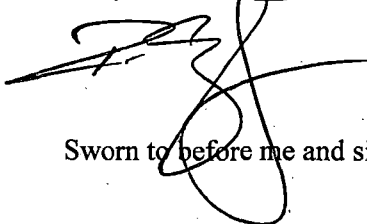
It shall be unlawful for any person to fraudulently or knowingly export or send from the United States, or attempt to export or send from the United States, any merchandise, article, or object contrary to any law or regulation of the United States, or receive, conceal, buy, sell, or in any manner facilitates the transportation, concealment, or sale of such merchandise, article or object, prior to exportation, knowing the same to be intended for exportation contrary to any law or regulation of the United States.

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

See Attachment A.

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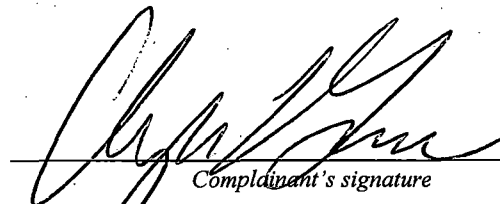
Approved by



Sworn to before me and signed in my presence.

Date: October 22, 2018 - J: 130.14.

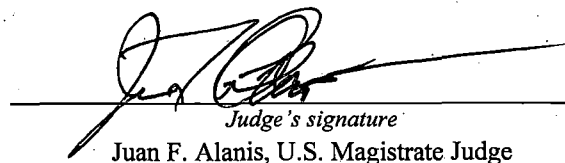
City and state: McAllen, TX



Complainant's signature

Christopher Gann, HSI Special Agent

Printed name and title



Judge's signature

Juan F. Alanis, U.S. Magistrate Judge

Printed name and title

Attachment A

On October 20, 2018, United States Customs and Border Protection Officers (CBPOs) were working the outbound travel lane at the Hidalgo International Bridge Port of Entry (POE) in Hidalgo, TX when CBPOs observed a green Ford Ranger truck enter the primary outbound travel lane.

A CBPO identified the driver of the green Ford Ranger truck as Eliots Christopher CARCOBA-Alvara. A CBPO took a negative declaration from CARCOBA-Alvara for being in possession of any firearms or ammunitions and referred CARCOBA-Alvara for a secondary inspection. During the secondary inspection, multiple packages were discovered in the passenger compartment of the green Ford Ranger truck containing but not limited to one thousand (1,000) rounds of FIOCCHI .38 Super Ammunition and five hundred (500) rounds of FIOCCHI .44 Special Ammunition as well as approximately one thousand eight hundred (1,800) rounds of other ammunition in assorted calibers, eight (8) rifle and pistol magazines, two (2) pistol barrels, and one (1) rifle barrel.

Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) Special Agents and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) SAs arrived at the Hidalgo International Bridge POE and conducted an interview of CARCOBA-Alvara.

CARCOBA-Alvara admitted he was attempting to smuggle the ammunition into Mexico. CARCOBA-Alvara also admitted to knowing that smuggling ammunition from the United States was contrary to United States Law. Ammunition, firearms magazines, and firearms barrels cannot be exported outside of the United States without a license in accordance with Title 22, United States Code Section 2778 and Title 22 of the Code of federal regulations.. CARCOBA-Alvara does not possess a license to export them.



Complainant's Signature

Christopher Gann, HSI Special Agent
Printed Name and Title

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence.

Date: October 22, 2018



Judge's Signature

City and state: McAllen, TX

Juan F. Alanis, Magistrate Judge
Printed Name and Title